VENGEANCE

File #21
The Real Culprit

IT'S EVEN MORE PAINFUL...
AND IT'S HARD.

RING...

COME TO THINK OF IT, I STILL WASN'T ABLE TO FIND IT.

WE ALREADY CHECKED EVERYTHING THE CULPRIT HAD...

THE RING I GAVE HARA.
HARA'S RING AND MINE...
DO IT LIKE A PRINCE GIVING HIS PRINCESS A RING!

SFX CLENCH
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FROM NOW ON, THIS RING IS MY MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE
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SFX SWIPE
SFX CRASH
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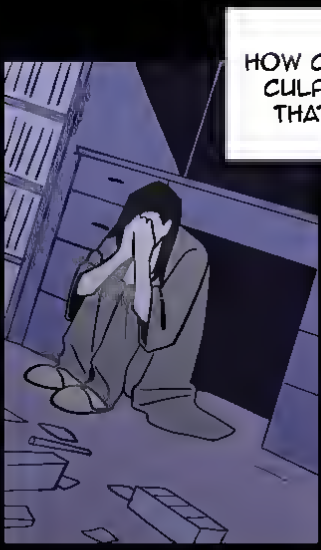
HAH...
HAH...


HOW COULD THE CULPRIT TAKE THAT TOO?

HE HAS TO BE AN ACQUAINTANCE TO SOMEONE...
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HUH?

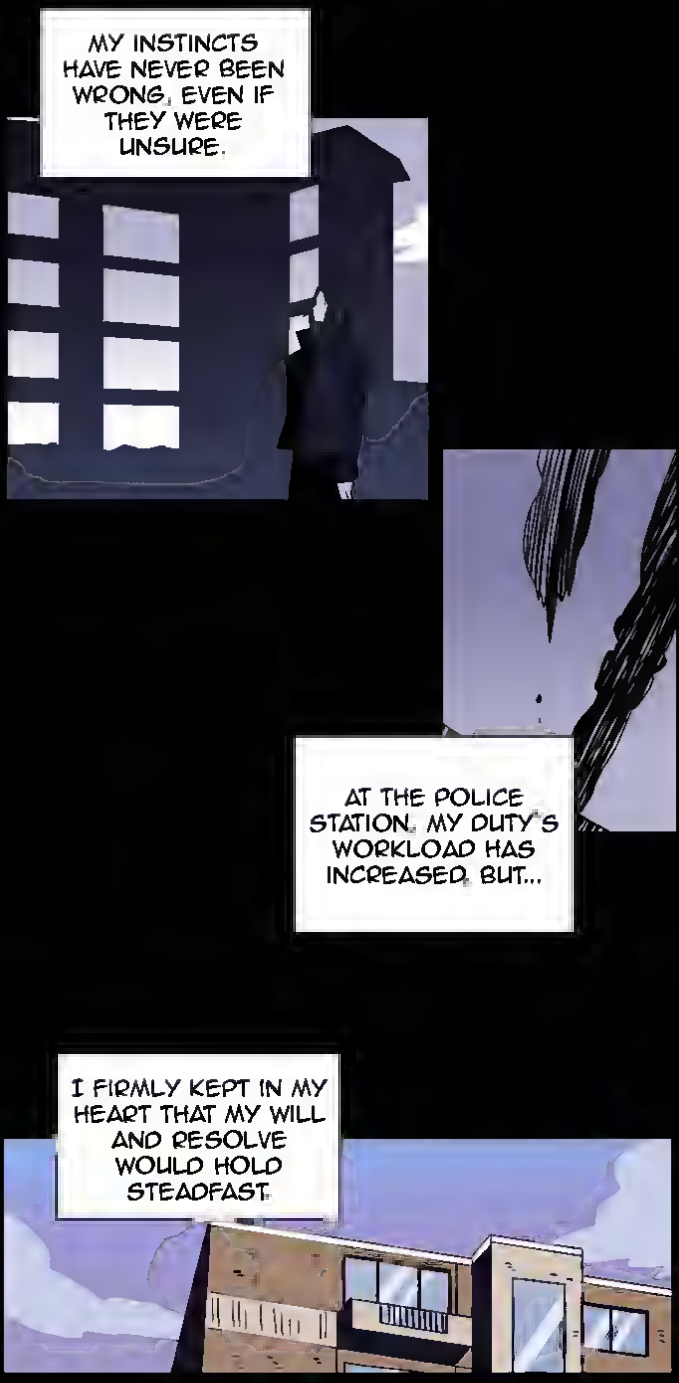
EVEN WITH EVERYTHING SCATTERED ON THE FLOOR AND THINGS PILED UP, THE RING WAS SOMETHING I COULD RECOGNIZE FROM JUST A GLANCE
BUT, TO SEE IT...
HOW IS...
MY LIFE'S MOST TREASURED POSSESSION... WHY IS IT HERE?

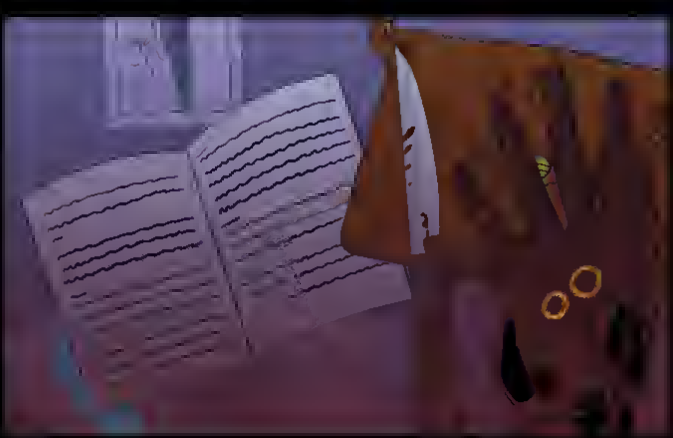
MY MOTHER GAVE IT TO ME...

TO PAIR IT WITH MY LOVER

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IT'S RIGHT HERE?
HOW IS IT THAT MY MOTHER'S RING IS STILL HERE?
DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE RINGS HARA AND I HAD WERE FAKES?

THAT INSIDIOUS VOICE RANG IN MY EARS.
HAH
HAAH...
HAH
I WAS DOING A GOOD JOB!!!
SO, WHY AREN'T YOU PAYING ATTENTION TO ME?!!


MY INSTINCTS HAVE NEVER BEEN WRONG, EVEN IF THEY WERE UNSURE.
AT THE POLICE STATION, MY DUTY'S WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED, BUT...
I FIRMLY KEPT IN MY HEART THAT MY WILL AND RESOLVE WOULD HOLD STEADFAST.

IT WAS REALLY GROUNDLESS, NAIVE, FOOLISH AND STUBBORN OF ME.
IF I'D KNOWN THAT IT'D BE DISCOVERED SO EASILY, I WOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED TO EXHAUST MYSELF...


WOULD ALL THESE TRUTHS
MAKE ME FEEL LESS DESPAIR?
--KSS...
NNG...
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GA-HEE, WHY YOU?
YOU GAVE US YOUR BLESSING.
WAS IT REALLY YOU? WERE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
HARA WAS YOUR FRIEND.
WHY? WHAT DID WE DO THAT WAS SO WRONG.
THAT YOU'D TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SANG-GYO?
WHY?
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WHY DID YOU...
KILL US?

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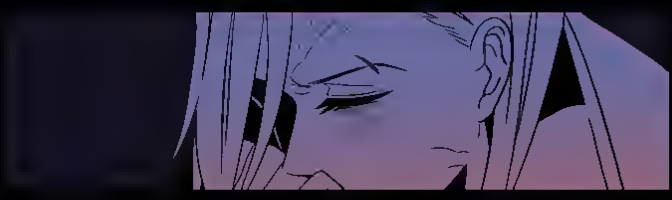
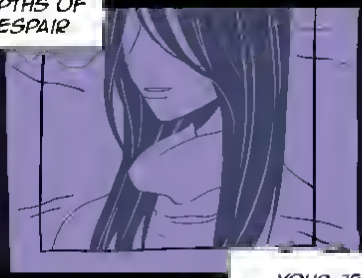
SFX DRIPS

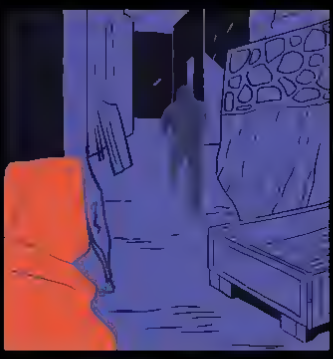


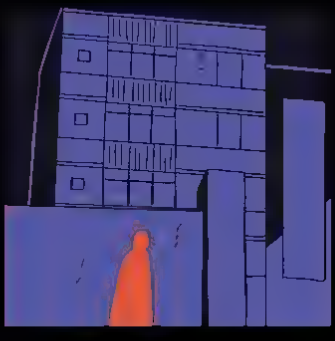
YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THIS.
SFX PACKS
I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT I RETURN WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME.
AT DAWN THAT DAY, HYUN SEOL- A ABANDONED HER HUMANITY.
AND WHAT REMAINED WAS THE COLD MONSTER UNDERNEATH.

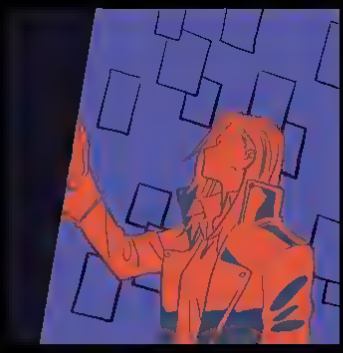
UNABLE TO BE HONEST, YOU BETRAYED MY TRUST, PLUNGING ME DEEPER INTO THE DEPTHS OF PAIN AND DESPAIR



YOUR JEALOUS HATRED ALL OF THE RESENTMENT YOU COULDN'T HANDLE CAUSED THE ONLY PERSON I'VE EVER LOVED TO DIE







THE SERIES OF EVENTS...

SOMEHOW, PROGRESS WAS MADE SMOOTHLY.

IN SOME CORNER OF MY HEART, ALL OF THIS...

FELT
WRONG.

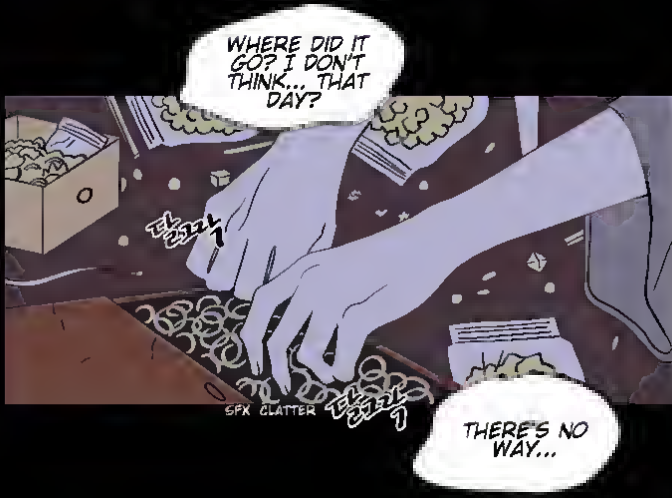
COUNTING HARA OUT.

THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO EXPLAINED ANYTHING TO ME WAS GA-HEE.

THE ONLY FRIEND I HAD LEFT
EVEN SO, I FELT RESENTFUL AND DESPICABLE.
THAT WAY...

I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE I WAS DELUDING MYSELF.
IT WAS MY OWN SAD DESIRE TO BELIEVE IN A LIE WHEN THE TRUTH WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
IT'S NOT HERE...

IT'S GONE... I PUT IT HERE THOUGH...


WHERE DID IT GO? I DON'T THINK... THAT DAY?
SFX CLATTER
THERE'S NO WAY...

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THERE.
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W-WHO IS IT?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW LONG YOU SEARCH,
IT WON'T BE THERE.
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U... UHM, HOW DID YOU GET IN?
LET'S JUST GET TO THE POINT AND TALK. WHY DID YOU START THIS?

HUH? S-START THIS?

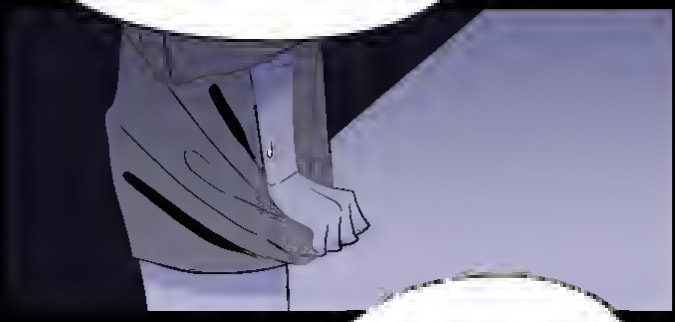
I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY. I... I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR MY EARRING...

UNNI, MORE IMPORTANTLY, EVEN IF IT'S YOU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS TIME WITHOUT EVEN LETTING ME KNOW...?
...
JUST GO BACK FOR NOW...
YOU USED THAT STALKER, SANG-GYO, TO MAKE AN APPEAL TO ME THAT YOU WERE THE VICTIM.

YOU THOUGHT THAT NO ONE WOULD EVER SUSPECT YOU. UP UNTIL THAT POINT, YOU WERE RIGHT- NOBODY SUSPECTED YOU.

THINGS WENT THE WAY YOU WANTED THEM TO. I DOUBTED THAT SANG-GYO WAS THE CULPRIT BECAUSE OF THE WAY YOU PUSHED THE IDEA THAT HE WAS THE ONE.

HOWEVER, IT WAS EMBARASSING TO DISCOVER THAT THE REAL PRIME SUSPECT WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS SO CLOSE AND OBVIOUS. I GUESS IT MUST'VE BEEN FATE. EVEN IF SANG-GYO HADN'T BEEN CAUGHT, WE WOULD FIND OUT THE TRUTH EVENTUALLY.



NO MATTER HOW CRAZY HE IS, HIS BABBLING WAS CONSISTENT. WE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM A CHANCE AND LISTENED TO HIS RESTLESS WORDS.

U-UNNI! I... FROM THE BEGINNING... W-WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY...? A-ARE YOU SAYING THAT I CAUSED HARA'S DEATH?
WHY WOULD I DO THAT? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ALL OF THE SUDDEN UNNI?
...
SFX TOSS

!!!
THERE'S NO WAY FOR YOU NOT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS... MAYBE IT CONFUSES YOU BECAUSE IT'S SO SIMPLE.
THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS?

TRY TO EXPLAIN WHY THIS IS STILL HERE.
U... UNNI... HH... HSS...
UU...
I'M ASKING YOU AGAIN.

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